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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: PROBE TIP ALIGNMENT FOR
PRECISION LIQUID HANDLER

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: